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ABIE'S IRISH ROSE is set for showing Thursday and Friday, May 30, 31, at the Yucca Valley Community hall by the Yucca Valley Players. The romantic-comedy features a local cast—as seen in this “still” from action within the play.

Curtain time is 8:30 p.m. Left to right, are Jack Sundin as Isaac Cohen; Ruth English, Mrs. Isaac Cohen; Harlan Shippee, Patrick Murphy; and Norman Poulsen as Father Whalen.

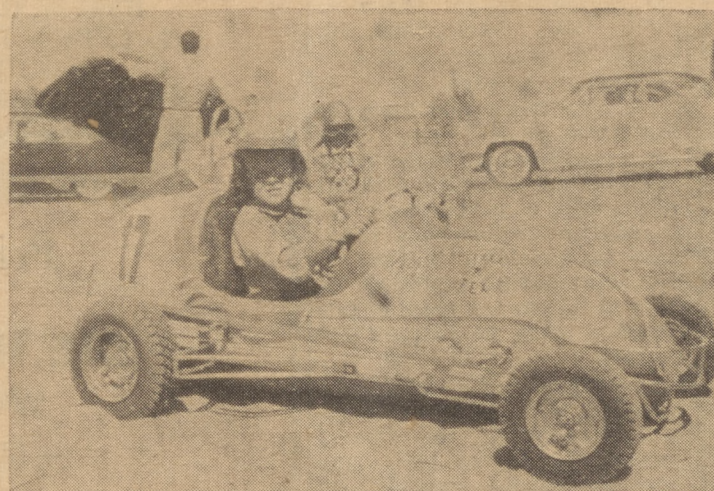
Players Group ‘Abie’s Irish Rose May 30, 31

The Yucca Valley Players are continuing with their policy of presenting well known royalty plays by presenting that well known and loved play, “Abies Irish Rose”, Thursday and Friday evenings, May 30 and 31st, at the Yucca Valley Community Hall.

Pat Doonan as “Abie” and Tyna English as “Rose Mary Murphy” are ideally suited for their roles. Miss English is a charming, lovely blonde and Mr. Doonan, tall and handsome are very believable in their roles of the young lovers. Bob Wadle as the Jewish father and Harlan Shippee as the Irish father are outstanding in their portrayals. Some of the funniest episodes in the play are built around their attempts to put a stop to their children's romance.

Other character parts are played by Ruth English and Jack Sundin, as the Jewish neighbors, “Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Cohen”; Wesley L. Johnson as the Rabbi, “Dr. Jacob Samuels” and Norman Poulsen as the Priest, “Father Whalen.” Completing the cast are the Bridesmaids Sally Peters, Betty Blackburn, Charleen Wilson and Diane Peters and the flower girls Charlene Bradshaw and Debbie Shippee.

Director Norval Jeffries is very pleased with the cast and the hard work they are doing to make the play a success. Comedy and romance combine to make “Abies Irish Rose” an entertainment treat for adults and the youngsters will love it. Don't miss “Abies Irish Rose”! Curtain time 8:30.



MIGHTY MIDGETS raced during Grubstake days to thrill spectators with the roar of the boy-size motors. A scene from the thrilling series of events shows a couple of the races in the “ready” ring above.

American Legion Auxiliary Will Hold Americanism Essay Contests—Schools

Each year the American Legion Auxiliary features an Americanism essay contest, which is placed in all the schools. The contest consists of three groups: Group I, 45 and 6th grade; group II, 7th, 8th and 9th grade, and group III, 10th, 11th and 12th grade. Each group having a different subject for their essay.

This year the topic for the essay was as follows: Group I, The Statue of Liberty; Group II, The Four Freedoms of America; and Group III, Protect America's Freedom.

Each unit in the district send their winning essay in each group to the district chairman. The district chairman selects three judges, who in turn se-

lect the winning essay from each group and sends it to the Department of California for judging, and competition to be sent on to National.

As District Americanism Chairman, Eve Asmus, chose as her judges Wm. Piper, C. Jacobs and Terry Pausch. Much consideration was given the essays and the judges chose the following to enter in department competition:

Group I—The Statue of Liberty — Ruben Olvera, Grove School, 6th Grade, Ontario.

Group II—The Four Freedoms of America—Fama Hood, Cedar Street School, 8th Grade, Bloomington, California.

Group III—Janice Jong, Upland High School, Upland, California.

Grubstake Days, Midget Races Draw Throngs

Despite the weather, which was bad everywhere and windy here for the midget races Sunday afternoon, the celebration was probably the most successful yet held here.

The parade was undoubtedly the best yet. Congratulations to Johnny Kee and his many assistants on the way the parade and gymkhana were handled and to the fact that the parade got started on time.

The gymkhana Saturday afternoon was enjoyed by all horse lovers, and the quarter midget races Sunday afternoon were really something to see. When those kids grow up they should really know how to handle a car.

It will be a relief to all of us when the barbers get through with those beard contestants and smooth faces are in evidence again.

Our hats are also off to the various committee heads and workers who helped make Grubstake Days what it was this year: Paul Hammett and Ruth Duarte on the brochures; Mrs. McGraw put in a lot of time and did a good job selling buttons; Glenn Harper had charge of the grounds; Jean Arch was Queen chairman. John Ehrisman did the electrical work and for the first time we have heard no complaints about the “juice”.

Our reliable standby, Joan Wilson, was also in there pitching wherever she could and is already talking about next year.

The booths, handled by several organizations, did a thriving business, especially those handling food and drinks.

The winners in the beard contest: Longest—Dick Read, who won a case of beer from Yucca Valley Liquor Store; curliest, “Blackie,” dinner for two at Callahans; most western, Charlie Kee, dinner for two at the Meat Ball Cafe, Pioneertown; youngest, Milt Martinez, jewelry from Mrs. Sweesy; reddest, Dick Rhoad, wheel balance by Glenn Hammett; blackest, Fred Hutflesz, dinner for two at the Golden Stallion.

The Calif. quarter midget races got off to a good start with Kenney Balsh, age 12, winner in fast time and trophy dash. First heat race, Dennis Wilson, age 6; second heat, Vaun Porter, age 7; third, Bill Schultz, 11; fourth, Jackie Panoast, age 8; fifth, Dickie Dixon, 11; sixth, Kenney Balch, 12.

Consolation went to Vaun Porter, 7. The special went to Lee Leonard, 9; semi main event, Bobby McAndrus, 11, and

main event to Dickie Dixon, also 11 years old.

Each winner received a trophy and a kiss from a tiny Miss picked from the audience, then took a turn around the track to show his trophy.

In spite of the wind and dust they say they want to come again. You will sure be welcome kids.

For sheer spunk and grit (not the kind the wind brought) these youngsters are unbeatable and deserve high credit for a splendid and sportsmanlike performance.

The Armed Services were represented by Brig. Gen. T. G. McFarlane, Commander of 29 Palms Marine Base, who acted as Grand Marshall, the excellent military band of the base, and a marching escort.

The winners in the parade, to the best of our knowledge from the data we have, are as follows — Floats, Swepstakes, Yucca Valley P.T.A.; Civic, Property Owners League, first; Yucca Valley Community Church, second; Pioneer Desert Board, Board of Realtors, third. Clubs, Yucca Valley Players, first; Oro Y Azul Toastmistress Club second. Juvenile, Golden Stallion Cafe, first. Commercial, Yucca Valley Rexall Drug, first; Yucca Valley Disposal Co., second; Copper Room Cafe, third; Cub Scout Pack No. 75, special.

Of the two majorette groups, Vickie Stratton and her “Downtown Dolls” won a trophy and the Riverside Majorette Group put on an excellent showing. Together, they added much life and color to the parade.

Other Classifications: Sheriffs Posse, Yucca Valley Rangers, first; Jack Baker's Baldwin Park organization, second; Western Men, Don Downing, San Bernardino, first; Robert B. Combs of 29 Palms, riding for Red Dog Cafe, second; Bruce A. Nokes, South San Gabriel, third. Western Women, Jo Downing, San Bernardino, first; Leora S. Coffey, Beaumont, second; Katy Roselle, Beaumont, third. Western Girl, Sandra Lester, Mecca, first; Roberta Pettit, Long Beach, second; Vicki Wendel, Paramount, third.

Western Cowboy, Roy Kee, Pioneertown, first; John G. Kee, Pioneertown, second; Charley Kee, Pioneertown, third. Western Cow Girl, Brenda Lee, Bloomington, first. Parade Horse, Norma L. Day, Joshua Tree, first; Gloria Dingle, “City of Mentalphysics,” second. Chil-

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Desert Star Continues Story of Space Craft Convention From Last Week

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On December 1, 1955, he talked to a space captain who came into his room and discussed peace for the world. He said the captain told him that space people wanted him to set up a program slanted to that end. Mr. Betherum said I told them that I was afraid that my means was not sufficient for a program of that kind. They informed him that when he was ready they would see that circumstances would be favorable. Some of the things that have happened since he started the peace program are just miraculous, he said.

The Mayor of Hiawatha, Io-

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wa, Mr. Fay Clark, told how he sent commercial photographers to take pictures of his town from the air in order to show the growth progress. The pictures were taken while he was away visiting and a formation of spacecraft showed plainly in the picture hovering over the town.

Since the picture, sighting have been taken regularly there. He said one filling station attendant invited his customers outside to see his flying saucer while getting his car tank filled with gas. The saucer gave off a blue light and hung around the area for some time before disappearing into the ether.

At Sunday's Spacecraft session, the twins, Ran and Rex Stanford of Corpus Christi, Texas, gave a humorous lecture on their adventure with flying saucers. The twins with John McCoy who is now in Peru, are authors of the new book, "From Out of This World," which was a sellout at the stands.

On the sideline at the convention were the many booths selling books on flying saucers, spacecraft shirts and jewelry. There was a mystery man to do tricks but the wind prevented this. Chances were sold for a tape recorder prize.

The Rev. Mr. Verne L. Cameron of Elsinore, California, demonstrated the Aruameter, the most sensitive instrument for detecting long range radiations ever produced. It is used extensively for many things such as willow witching for water, metal objects and the origin tracings of diseased areas of the human body.

Dave Thomas, a writer for Life Magazine was there with the photographer, Ralph Crane. They snuck up on yours truly and tuk my pitcher for Life Magazine, while I was holdin' the Aruameter but the dern thing didn't detect them, hit would be ashame if thet lens of there'n wuz broke.

Mr. Van Tassle told the press that the people from outer space wanted him to be president of the U.S. He said he has taken a pledge with his friends upstairs to be a candidate for president in 1960. If the press doesn't print this he intends to free the press of this function when he is president in 1960.

Howard Menninger who spoke on Saturday (while this writer was absent), left us with a parting promise to be at the next Spacecraft convention held at Giant Rock with pictures of the flying saucers and the folks in them, in 1958.

URMSTONS REPORT A GRANDCHILD ON WAY

A note from Grace and Lou Urmston, who are now residing in Phoenix, Ariz., says that they wish to pass the news along that they will be proud grandparents in December.

Freddie Tunstall spent an evening with the Urmstons before returning to the Base in Tucson, Ariz., also Bill and Lorraine Morelock and son Jamie, Scottsdale, Ariz., spent an evening with Grace and Lou.

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RIM ROCK . . .

By Irene Fox

Good sightseeing Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schmidt Sr., returning to their high desert home from Colorado River. Mr. Schmidt now recuperating from a recent illness and hospitalization.

Tommie and Liel Cypher, owners of the Sugar Bowl Cafe in Pasadena, spent a day in Rim Rock having been told that

I knew of who owned what in Section 3, Rim Rock, visited to ask about their parcel of land. Ed and Helen Walgren stopped here on return from Big Bear, via Burns Canyon reporting of road condition from Rose Mine to Schmidt's turnoff quite bad—thanks for this report as many folks inquire of true conditions.

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She was again Reserve Winners at the Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club Show at Anaheim, on Sunday, April 28.

This little female Dachshund now has 10 points toward her championship.

REFLECTIONS AT NIGHTFALL

By Nan Marble

When the sun sinks low on the desert,

There comes a glow to the sands shifting there—

A glow as of millions of candles

Reflects in the glistening air. Mountains and rocks are all covered

By a mantle of warm, golden light;

Each bird sings an anthem of glory,

As day fades away into night.

Then twilight descends into darkness,

Each star is a beacon on high,

Quiet covers the desert, completely

From each grain of sand to the sky.

All night, while the universe watches,

Each rock, each plant, and each tree

Keeps a vigil, complete and unbroken,

While troubles and cares cease to be.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Whitehall of Bremerton, Washington, are impressed with this trip and have many pictures to show the folks back home, desert flowers, our cactus and the two week old Neubian goats belonging to the Bert Normans.

They would have been thinking of the old time Mack-Sennett comedy film if here last night. I can laugh now, but not last night when awoken by my dogs barking and seeing quite a huge object a few feet away. I sleep outdoors. It was a Brahma bull drinking from the animals dish—results seeing me chasing it from our yard, unmindful of no shoes or dressing robe.

Now I'm told this type animal are apt to turn on one. Our weekend guests asks if this happens often. It seems my neighbor, Louise Pekarovich was seen chasing this animal with a broom at sunrise.

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most convenient time and place for the conferences. As soon as this information is compiled, a definite appointment time will be set for each parent.

It is anticipated that these conferences will be held both afternoon and evening, and will take about a week to complete. Mr. Hayes and Mr. Nicoll, Principal and Vice-Principal of the high school, will meet with parents at the Yucca Valley Elementary School, the Joshua Tree Community Clubhouse, or at the high school, whichever location is most convenient. Tentatively, the conferences will start about May 20.

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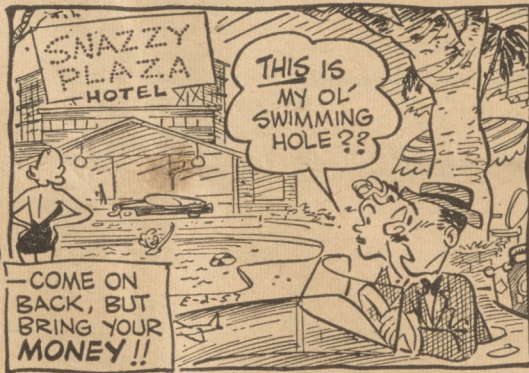
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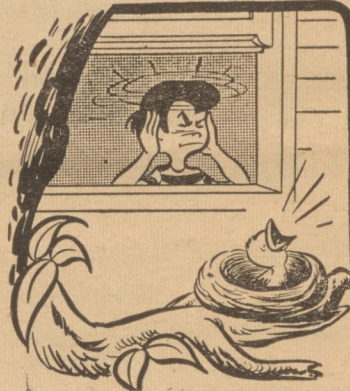
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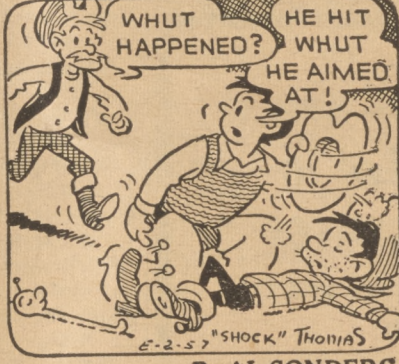
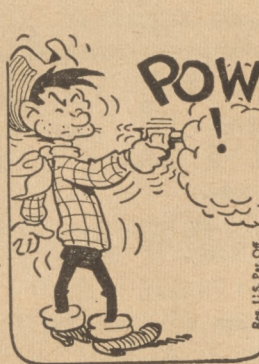
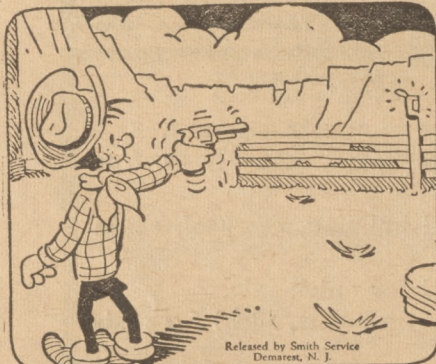
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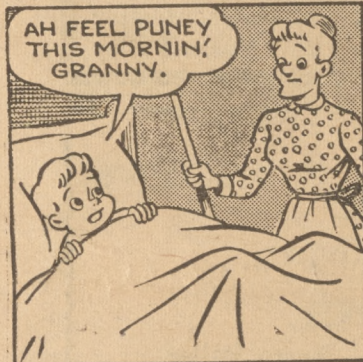
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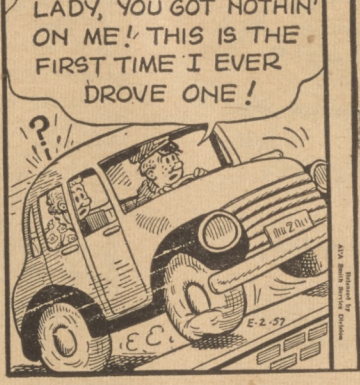
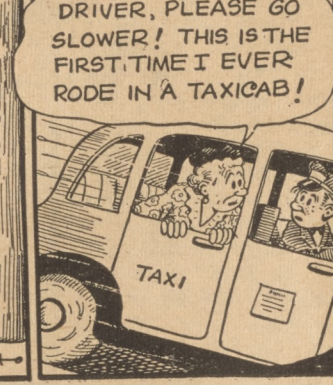
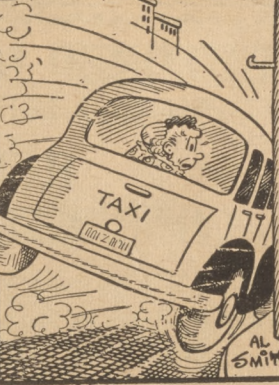
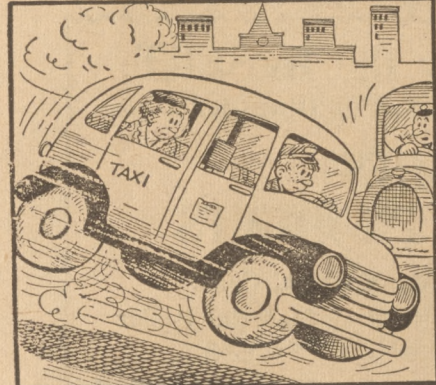
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RURAL DELIVERY



NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH by Russ Arnold



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The way that Sophia Binger puts on the dog, she should git a pedigree.

Uncle Sam can't take it with him either, but he sure has fun with it now.

Yep, in the army a corporal has two stripes against him.

Lettin' the cat out of the bag ain't so bad, but try git-tin' him back in.

It's easy to sail on the sea of matrimony if you have a raft of dough.

Ain't it a grand feelin' to git in a movie on a pass?

Love may be blind but there's spectacles on the park benches at night.

Many a gal lies with her sighs and her eyes.

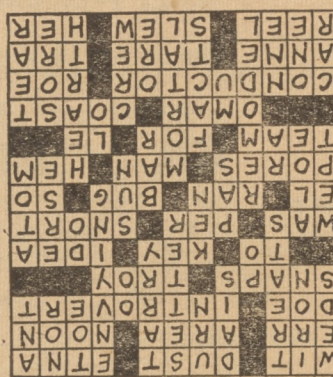
If money don't make you happy it's a pleasant sort of misery.

Millie Wright says: Long Time No He.

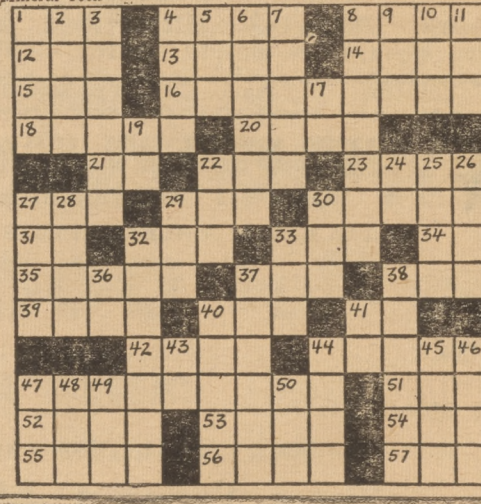
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CROSS-WORD

- ACROSS
- Humor
 - Cloud of earth
 - Volcano
 - Make a mistake
 - Region
 - Mid-day
 - Female deer
 - To turn in
 - Breaks suddenly
 - System of weight
 - Toward
 - A low island
 - Notion
 - Had been
 - By
 - Air forced through nostrils
 - Spanish article
 - Sped
 - Insect
 - In this manner
 - Skin openings
 - Adult male
 - Edge of skirt
 - Set of players
 - Because
 - French article
 - Tent maker
 - The seashore
 - Leader
 - Fish eggs
 - Girl's name
 - Weight allowance
 - Musical syllable
 - Soin
 - Killed
 - That girl
- DOWN
- Marries
 - Press
 - Handles
 - Platform
 - Vase
 - Breed of dog
 - Linger
 - Becoming jealous of
 - Pedal digit
 - Neither
 - Emmet
 - Hawaiian bird
 - Italian river
 - Knowledge
 - Act
 - Gaelic
 - Small particle
 - Cried
 - Medicinal herb
 - Dance step
 - Sol
 - Make over
 - Prohibit
 - Sun God
 - Deadly
 - Behold
 - True statements
 - Greek letter
 - Team of workers
 - Painful
 - Rip
 - Vehicle
 - Single
 - Compass point
 - Mineral rock



Solution E-2-57



STAR BEAMS . . .

By Honey Fellers

In the south, Deep South, that is, Birmingham, pronounced "Bum-in-ham," they have a cold spell about this time of year they call Blackberry Winter. So named because it coincides with the blooming of that berry. Well, this must be our Blackberry Winter. Or, should it be Purple Sage Winter, or Verbena Gooddingii Winter? Or, if we don't call it anything, maybe it will just go 'way.

Old Timers, Mary Ellen and Blackie Edwards visited with friends in the Village. We waxed hilarious recalling the good old days, "when." Many people ask why I don't write of that era. The answer is: "No one would believe it."

George and Marie Toal are back in town and have purchased the White building, formerly a grocery-hardware store. Given an inside face-lift and redecorating job, it's now a charming two bedroom home. Marie, "Pee Wee," that is, is welding the, (check one:) Axe? No. Scalpel? Uh Uh. Tongs? Wrong again. Answer: The cleaver, on those Red Dog Cafe BBQ Ribs.

The most interesting visitors we have had in our town in a long time spent an afternoon with Cactus Kate at the Bowl. A group of exchange students from foreign countries who are staying with the A. L. Lukes, of Yucca, they were: Effie Comanow, foster daughter of the Lukes; Pekka Lahtinen, of Finland; Ozden Erensen of Turkey; Jean Pierre Strichler, of France; and Effie, the daughter, who is from Greece. They are seniors at Redondo Beach and Manhattan Beach high schools, under the American Field Service Scholarships. Lovely and brilliant. I assure you we sat open-mouthed listening to their conversation.

Eddie Roberson who became famous as a special sounds effect man at Paramount, MGM, and Universal studios, made his first visit to the Hi-Desert. He says it will certainly not be his last one.

Leonard and Margaret Coffin came out from their home in Carlsbad to do some work, but mostly relax at their Casa Amarilla desert villa.

Did you ever try to hold a hi-ball glass with boxing gloves on? The Lewis Bradshaw's, senior and junior did a "reasonable facsimile" of this feat, with bandaged hands and missing thumb nails from a building spree at their Victorville Road home. Well, after all the Bradshaw's are writers, not carpenters. And let that be a lesson to you "do it yourself" fans.

Frances Stuart has gone to San Francisco to meet her son,

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who is a Navy Engineer, enroute from Guam to Washington, D.C. She will stay and visit with friends up there for some time.

Marje Hamilton's daughter, Lois, and son-in-law Jay Mullen came up to spend Mother's Day with the Hamilton's, bringing along an enormous home-baked cake. It's a good thing we have holidays that bring families together now and then.

It is most gratifying to learn that many old friends are being reunited through mention of them in this column. So, if you come across names that mean nothing to you personally, please bear with us, for to someone it may be the renewing of old friendships of other times and places. And what, in this busy, dizzy world is better than friendships?

Helen Boyd In Toastmistress Council Finals

Helen Boyd of Yucca Valley won second place at the annual speech contest of International Toastmistress Club's Council 8, held Saturday, May 4, at the Arrowhead Springs Hotel. Since Council 8 has seventeen clubs over the state of California and Nevada, Mrs. Boyd emerged out of a group of over three hundred Toastmistresses to place second in this Annual Spring Conference and Speech Contest. First place was awarded to Kay Mummery of the San Bernardino Downtown Club. Mrs. Mummery will represent Council 8 at the annual Southwest Regional Conference to be held in Phoenix on May 25.

Accompanying Mrs. Boyd from ORO Y AZUL Club of Morongo Basin were Sue Smith of Joshua Tree, Treasurer of Council 8, and Betty Ehrismann, Yucca Valley, treasurer of ORO Y AZUL Club. Mrs. Jerry Horan of Barstow presided at the meeting.

Doyle S. Wall Honored As Teacher of Year

A beautiful Certificate of Appreciation was presented by Nancy Garver, President of the 8th grade class, at a banquet given at Community Hall in Yucca Valley on May 9, honoring Doyle S. Wall as Teacher of the Year.

The Certificate read: We the students nominate Doyle S. Wall as Teacher of the Year for his outstanding character building ability, his sense of humor and because he is like Davy Crockett and George Washington in the final sense of the word, making education Happy Days instead of drudgery.

The certificate was signed by the students.

Before each football game at our alma mater, the school that does not pay its players, the students rise and sing their new fight song; "Whatever Will Be, Will Be."

Light Musical Is Given By 8th Graders

A light musical was given for the P.T.A. at Community Hall by the 8th grade pupils at 1:30 P.M. Wednesday, May 7.

The school band with Travis Cook as the "once upon a time" narrator presented "Boy Meets Girl."

A clever arrangement of song titles told the story, the band sliding into each number smoothly and without hesitation.

The songs were: Long, Long Ago, My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean, A Bicycle Built for Two, Reuben, Reuben, There is a Tavern in the Town, No, No, a Thousand Times No, Drink to me only with Thine Eyes, Ole Folks at Home and Good-by My Lover Good-by.

The audience was asked to join in the fun of naming the songs.

A duet and chorus with Tonettes followed, given by the 4th grade group. Sue Ann Hall and Ann Jeanette Rhead sang Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star and Coming for to Carry Me Home, their clear childish voices going straight to the audience's heart with its sweetness.

Miss Cheryl Hammett starred as Queen in "Country Fair" by Gertrude Graves Martin. The Queen opened the musical with the song, Dear, Dear, What Can the Matter Be, her Queen song was Open Your Heart and Let the Sun Shine In.

The supporting cast was Lynn Johnson, boy friend of the Queen, Don Francis, a friend, Robert Rhead, master of ceremonies, Travis Cook, friend of the Queen, Barney Goodwin music teacher, Garry Griswold as farmer McDonald.

Judges for contestants for Queen were Dolly Barrett as Mrs. Bennett and Beverly Hoffman as Mrs. Jacobson. The judges sang, Believe Me if all Those Endearing Young Charms and Yankee Doodle by the whole group.

The contestants for Queen were Charleen Wilson, Cheryl

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Teenager With Snake Startles Spacecrafters

Dennis Kloefer of 135 South San Gabriel in Azusa, startled visitors to the Giant Rock Spacecraft Convention here in the high desert, by appearing in the crowd with a brilliant yellow and brown snake wrapped around his neck.

Dennis, a fine young man in his early teens is an ardent student of snake lore. His mother seemed unperturbed as he unwound the four foot Racer from his neck as easily as she would take off her necklace.

He knows how to handle them she smiled at a worried spectator who advised the boy to be careful.

Dennis and his mother visit the desert each year in their trailer, she to take in the convention while he scours the rocks for his beloved snake specimens.

Hammett, Sharon Vetko and Jesse Janeway. They sang, America the Beautiful.

Live stock at the Fair was 2 Dachshunds, 1 Boxer and 1 Scootie dog, 1 Rhode Island Red Rooster, ducks and geese and a large orange pumpkin made by the class.

All the players took part in the song Old McDonald had a Farm, ending on He's a Jolly Good Fellow.

The grand finale was the colorful barn dance in which Charleen Wilson, Beverly Hoffman, Nancy Garver and Sharon Vitko swung with their partners Bobby Tungstall, Barney Goodwin, Denis Brenen and Garry Griswold.

Let us attend these school plays more often. Childish faces are a tonic that can refresh lost childhood memories.

T. N. T.

By Sandy Harmon

Clem Rogers, Don Benito and Steve Olson have been chosen to go to Boy State in Sacramento. Ruenell Ortega has been chosen to go to Girl State. Quite an honor.

Friday we played Twin Pines. The score was 11 to 5 our favor.

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Wyatt Sampson Died Last Week

The community was saddened this past week by the passing, due to coronary occlusion, of Wyatt Francis Sampson, 72, at the home of a daughter in San Bernardino.

Born in Illinois he lived in Yucca Valley for several years, where he was a charter member of the Free Methodist Church.

Mr. Sampson is survived by his wife Lillie, three daughters, a sister, and two brothers.

Funeral services were held on May 17, in the Cortner Chapel, Redlands, with Rev. Stanley Glover, pastor of the Light and Life Chapel, Yucca Valley, officiating. Internment was in Montecito Memorial Park, Redlands.

Grubstake—

(Continued From Page 1)

dren under 10, Susan Combs, 29 Palms, for Red Dog Cafe, first; Linda Downing, San Bernardino, second; Beth Ann Patton, Yucca Valley, third; Beverly Jean Kee, Yucca Valley, special. Most Typical Indian, Sharon Coombs, 29 Palms, representing Red Dog Cafe, first. Clown, Brenda Wilson, Yucca Valley, second, Juvenile Novelty, Lee Brohamer, Burnt Mountain, second.

The drawing for the button prizes was held at the Grubstake grounds at 5 o'clock Sunday evening. Ticket number 1191 won the desert lamp, Taylors Trading Post, for Gene Moore. Evelyn Peterman, Joshua Tree, No. 855, won an airplane ride by Jules Boldizar. J. D. Knoy, No. 981, \$5 merchandise order, Yuca Valley Drug Store. O. A. Youngberg, No. 768 night for 2 at Yucca Rest Court. Sherry Wagner, Manhattan Beach, No. 1428, \$5 cash, Bud's Place. Irene Tedder, No. 1935, Skilsaw, Yucca Valley Lumber.

Clara Baker with 1627 won the cobbler's table by A-1 Cabinet Shop. Walt Hassling, West Covina, No. 244, box of golf balls, High Desert Country Club. Ailene Pritchett, No. 1908, \$10 merchandise, Desert Lamp Maker. Bobbie Spencer, El Cajon, No. 1306, oil change, Texaco Station. Geo. T. McNois, Los Angeles, No. 1616, set of door hardware by Lyall's Builders Supply. Charlene Abraham, Los Angeles, No. 1143, roller skate case, Cherie Belcher. R. W. Briah, Hollywood, No. 663, portable radio by John Ehrismann. Milo Maddox, No. 15518, won the club chair.

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Jack R. Jett, Department of Veterans Affairs Service Officer, will be at the American Legion Clubhouse, Yucca Valley, on 24 May, 1957, from one to three P.M. This visit is for the purpose of assisting veterans and their dependents in claims for veteran's benefits and with their problems in general.

Moon Mullins' Shoe Repair At Near Capacity

Moon Mullin's Shoe Repair Shop on 29 Palms Highway at Kickapoo, wishes to announce that his shop will be operating at full capacity, soon.

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GOLF DOPE

By Wes Yale

The Norton Air Force boys took the 29 Palms M.C.B. boys by 3 points this week—29s first defeat. All these boys are real good golfers.

I raked a busted up golf club out of the lake the other day. I guess some one was a little irked with his game. Which reminds me of the story of the golfer who threw his club, bag and the whole kaboodle in the lake and said he was through with golf forever.

This same guy was observed a little later fishing the works back out, opened the pocket in the bag and took out his car keys, then threw the whole works back in.

Talk about the surrey with the fringe on top, then you better come over and see our new electric golf buggies fringe and all.

A chap came in the other day and bought a special sand wedge club and had me wrap it for mothers day gift. You guessed it. Mom doesn't play golf.

Are you gals from Yucca going to let the gals from 29 Palms get a head start on you? Let's show 'em that you can form a womens league here and give them a run for their money, and don't be afraid of any wolves over here as I haven't seen any on the course yet.

I wonder if the youngsters when they grow up and have kids of their own would be proud of them if they were to do the vandalism that has been done here at the course several times.

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Flying Sparks from Burnt Mountain

By the Mick

"Burnt Mountaineers," and others entering and leaving the 29 Palms Highway at that barricade which has been a "menace to navigation" and an obstacle for strangers seeking Burnt Mountain, especially after dark; "now hear this";—Harry Housh and others interested in the welfare of "these here" parts, have received assurance from "th man" of the State Highway Dept. to the effect that in the very near future, a divider separating the lanes and permitting straight entrance to the highway, will be constructed.

All hands are admonished to make their boulevard stop without exception. (It seems strange that such request should be necessary at all.) No one wants this to become a "coffin corner";—and the State Highway Dept. official stresses the fact that such restrictive highway construction as may be needed will surely result should there be lack of proper observance of the Stop sign.

Last week's chatter was held in abeyance owing to heavy volume of copy anent Grubstake Days, (which was an unqualified success despite wind from the general storm). Please see next week's issue for the Burnt Mountain slant on the big doin's.—By the way,—anyone having items of interest, PLEASE get them to us by the Sunday preceeding issue. We're doing this for fun. We solicit your help.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shinneman of San Fernando, are weekending with their son and daughter-in-law and grandchildren, Ernie and Dorothy Littlepage of the Burnt Mountain Dining Room.

Marge and Larry of Burnt Mountain Bar are visiting son and family Donald Lauman's of Buena Park, Tuesday May 14th.

Johnny Fields of Burnt Mountain area, bought new boots and hat. That didn't break his heart, but sure bent their pocket book.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Fields had brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Fields from Redondo Beach for weekend

guests last weekend.

Phil Milet, The Hackamore Kid, is conducting courses in higher education for his Roanie, a pretty wise gelding to begin with. Before we go any further, —Who's teaching who to what? Or Education is a "Many Splendored Thing."

One of the Horse Marines, Drake Seaman has been spending his twelve day leave helping Bil Brohamer of the Burnt Mt. Stables. He knows his horses, and can he ever wear the flashy "Poke" shirts, hand made by none other than our Helen Walgren of Burnt Mt. Trailer Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Goodwin, regular weekenders at Burnt Mt. Trailer Park, gave a double birthday party for their two children, Scott 4, Chris 7, Sunday noon, about ten children were present. Favors, games, with ice cream and cake. Then all for a horse back ride. What fun.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Walgren of Burnt Mt. Trailer Park, had as their guests, friends from Bremerton, Washington. Since they wee from the beautiful state of tall pine trees, thought they would take them on a picnic to Big Bear, showing them our pines in the California sun. They ate their lunch in the car. California Liquid Sunshine. Unusual.

Little Diane and Laura Littlepage, of the Burnt Mt. Dining Room, have mastered the art of skating, with all the falls and spills. Lots of fun.

About thirty members of the Western Miners' Association enjoyed dinner at the Burnt Mountain Dining Room at one o'clock Sunday; arranged by their president Mr. Hall of Yucca Valley and Santa Cruz.

Bille Van Nest, Burnt Mountain Trailer Park and guide at the Stables is a happy youngster. And well he may be; for Saturday, Dr. Lucy Lawrence appeared at the Stables with her two children David and Mark so they could have a ride. She told of a little pony belonging to her sister that needed a good home with loving care

and affection—(The same which had made her nearly unmanageable in the hands of strangers not thoroughly schooled in horsemanship). It sounded too good to be true, for what lad can hope too attain an animal to fit the description? Shall we say Billie was "shook"? He failed to learn Dr. Lawrence's Yucca Valley address or other particulars leading to fulfillment. Canvass of our lodging places turned up no leads but repeated phone calls to the Doctor's answering service provided data which located "Firegold", a beautiful little Arabian plus blooded mare, at the home of her owner Mrs. Holtman of Sierra Madre. Suffice it to say, this bit of poetry in motion was safely gliding in the moonlight at Burnt Mountain Arena as of one thirty Monday evening. Jerry Brinkley, one of the Horse Marines and ol' Pappy Windle helped Billie seize opportunity by the "cotton pickin'" throat and "got the job done". By the way, Billie was practically raised on a horse in Colorado, so he'll gentle his windfall 'till she is in tune with him. We opine she'll learn to follow his suggestions even tho she won't "take orders".

3rd Boy Scout Court of Honor

The third Boy Scout Court of Honor was held on May 13, at the Yucca Valley School. Boy Scouts of Yucca Valley led the Flag Salute with Harold Brown acting as assistant Scout Master. Rev. Walquist conducted the meeting.

Tenderfoot badges were presented to oMike Smith and Ervin Walden.

There were 29 Scouts and Cub Scouts presented from Yucca Valley, 4 from Twenty-nine Palms, and 3 from Joshua Tree.

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Hi - Desert Personals

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The Balards are building a beautiful home on their five acres just south of the Morehead property.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stevens are having weekend visitors. Guests are Mr. and Mrs. William MacDonald of Inglewood and Mr. and Mrs. Irl Shaw of Westchester, California.

The Shaws and the MacDonalds both have homes in Yucca Valley. Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald have been remodeling their home recently near Burnt Mountain.

Five Boy Scouts from 9, Santa Ana, spent the week end at the desert home of their advisors, Adams L. Hanson, Ron and Tom Barns, Wayne Richards, Mike Smith and Steve Hanson were working on a desert house for Bill Hausler, to get their badges. John Kerr, Jim Dickson and Lars Hanson were also helping with the building.

LOST, as parade started Saturday, Australian sheppard dog, 18 months old, male. Answers to the name of Pal. White and grey, chystal blue eyes. Tom and Alice Edmondson, 563 E. County Line Road, Yucca Valley. Telephone PY 7-4641.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Amsbury and sons, Bert, Fred, and Ray, of Whittier, enjoyed Saturday and Sunday at their week

end home amidst the pinon trees off Parthenia Way in the Antelope Creek area. They had as their house guest, Jerry Baxter also of Whittier. The Amsburys have frequented this area since 1947 and are great boosters of its climate and beauty.

Anne and Jerry Leptin and Betty and Mike Tinger just spent three days at Site Six, on the Arizona side of the Colorado River on a fishing trip. Several fishfrys were enjoyed during their stay, and they arrived home with 11 fish to substantiate their story. A pot was made up for the first fish caught, the largest fish caught and the most fish caught. Angler Anne was the winner of all three pots. Mike and Betty Tinger have a large avocado orchard in Vista, which they are trying to sell, so that they can retire to Yucca Mesa and enjoy their desert home.

Off again on a fishing trip, Anne and Jerry Leptin have in tow as fishing companions, Benny and Pearl Benrud, of Yucca Mesa. This fishing jaunt took them to Barton Flats at the foot of Mt. San Geronio. Fog, wind and extreme cold seemed to have bit better than the fish, even though the fishermen returned with five fish to substantiate their fishing story. Benny and Pearl have a comfortable cinder-block home on Yucca Mesa, and are prominent residents.

Don and Jenny Kelly have sold their home in Riverside and are now busy getting their cabin ready for permanent res-

Cincinnati Post Features Local Woman's Visit

The Cincinnati Post, May 1, carried the following article of interest to Yucca Valley residents:

EX WLW STAFFER PAYS A VISIT

Half of Crosley Square's "Irresistible Irene and Tantalizing Tommy" act of some years back is in town for a visit. Mrs. Harold Wescott who now calls Yucca Valley, Cal. home, is back in Cincinnati for a month's visit with her mother, Miss Lillian Downing, and old friends. It has been 12 years since, as Irene Downing, she played piano and organ at WLW.

Her husband, whom she met in Long Beach, Cal., was in the original "Desert Song" company and later in vaudeville. They own a beauty shop now, but are active in the Yucca Valley Dramatic Players, an amateur group that includes a number of former professionals, and in civic affairs.

Yucca Valley itself is the big enthusiasm now, and Mrs. Wescott speaks of it with all the verve of a Chamber of Commerce president, which, in fact, she has been.

"It's a fast growing town", she says, "and I hope I am one of the 2500 who has helped to make it grow."

Silver Bell Mine Production Starts

by Larry Asmus

Mr. H. J. Farrington, of Riviera, California, who purchased the Silver Bell Copper mine from Bill Keyes, located in the Joshua Tree National Monument, has finished the preliminary tests and is now starting production.

The ore is milled at the mine and hauled to the leaching plant north of the Amboy Road, on Utah Trail, in Twenty-nine Palms, where the copper is removed from the ore under a new process formulated by W. D. Jenkins, of Yucca Mesa.

Under this newly formulated method of processing copper ore, the time element is cut to from 2½ to 3 hours, as compared to the old method from 2 to 15 days. The present capacity is estimated at around 50 tons for ore per day, and the daily output will increase as new equipment is added.

This new formula for extracting copper from the ore, plus the greater output in so great a decrease of man hours will be closely watched by many. There are many rich deposits of copper in and around the greater Morongo Basin and the newly initiated method of processing will no doubt revolutionize the copper industry when it becomes more widely known.

idence. Don and Jenny have spent a lot of time in the desert the last few years.

Ronnie and Marion Peters have their snug little cabin ready to enjoy some weekends on Yucca Mesa.

Clarence Sly was assisted by his nephew, Raymond Sly and Bill Finske in pouring his slab. Bill Finske also has five acres and will be building soon.

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